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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EINV, CG

SUBJECT: CIS-GE INTEREST IN SHABA AC POWER GRID

1. DURING LENGTHY DISCUSSION WITH BISENGIMANA OF SEVERAL SUBJECTS OCTOBER 14, AMBASSADOR PRESENTED LETTER DRAFTED BY ADAMS OF CONSTRUCTEURS INGA SHABA (CIS) AND DAVIDGE OF GE ON THEIR RECENT VISIT TO KINSHASA REITERATING THEIR INTEREST IN REINFORCING SHABA AC POWER GRID TO DISTRIBUTE INGA DIRECT CURRENT AFTER IT IS CONVERTED AT KOLWEZI. LETTER DESIGNED TO ELICIT CURRENT STATUS OF NEL'S UNDERSTANDING WITH SADELMI COGEPI AND AVAILABILITY OF IMMEDIATE CONCESSIONARY FINANCING ON PART OF LATTER.

2. BISENGIMANA IMMEDIATELY SAID HE NOT FULLY INFORMED AND THAT NZEZA DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SNEL, WAS OUT OF TOWN BUT AS SOON AS HE RETURNED HE WOULD EXPLORE IMPLICATIONS CIS-GE LETTER WITH HIM AND THEN BE IN TOUCH WITH US. HE HIMSELF SAW ADVANTAGES FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF EFFICIENCY OF HAVING CIS INVOLVED IN WORK IN SHABA. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT HIS EXPERIENCES WITH THE ITALIANS HAD NOT BEEN ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY.

3. BISENGIMANA STATED THAT TRACTIONEL HAD SO FAR BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENTRUSTED ONLY WITH TECHNICAL STUDIES FOR SHABA GRID.

WHICH FIRM OR FIRMS WOULD BE GIVEN CONSTRUCTION AND  
EQUIPMENT CONTRACTS WAS SEPARATE MATTER.

4. EMBASSY INFORMING LEVIHN OF CIS OF ABOVE. DEPT  
REQUESTED INFORM DAVIDGE OF GE.  
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